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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SADAT'S REQUEST RE C-130'S
REF: (A) STATE 51238, (B) STATE E9657

1. AFTER ROY ATHERTON AND I HAD MET WITH SADAT YESTERDAY
IN ISMAILIA, VP MUBARAK TOOK ME ASIDE TO ASK ABOUT THE
PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR SIX USAF C-130'S. THIS, MUBARAK
NOTED, IS A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY TO GOE AND HE AGAIN
ALLUDED TO ALLEGED SADAT CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. TOLD HIM THAT I HAD INDEED REPORTED SADAT'S REQUEST
AND THAT WASHINGTON HAS LOOKED INTO HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE
TO ASSIST GOE IN THIS MATTER. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS
INVOLVING CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION AND LIKELY CRITICISMS
THAT USAF INVENTORY IS BEING DRAWN DOWN THROUGH SALES OF
SUCH AIRCRAFT, WASHINGTON HAS CONCLUDED THAT THIS IS NOT
A FEASIBLE ROUTE. INSTEAD, IN AN EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL,
WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF LEASING C-130'S
FROM USAF INVENTORY. TOLD HIM THAT THE NUMBER SADAT HAD
MENTIONED, I.E., SIX, COULD PROBABLY BE MADE AVAILABLE

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FOR EGYPTIAN USE THROUGH LEASING UNTIL REPLACED BY
DELIVERY FROM PRODUCTION. I HAD THE COST FIGURES FOR
SUCH LEASING, WHICH I PROPOSED TO GIVE TO GAMASY WHEN
I SEE HIM IN NEXT FEW DAYS. I HAD TO WARN MUBARAK,
HOWEVER, THAT LEASING COSTS ARE RATHER HIGH. I EMPHASIZED
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED LEASING IN
RESPONSE TO SADAT'S REQUEST.

3. MUBARAK WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER LEASING IS WITH OR WITHOUT USAF PILOTS. I GAVE HIM MY IMPRESSION LEASING IS WITHOUT USAF PILOTS.

4. MUBARAK APPARENTLY IMMEDIATELY TOLD SADAT AND, AS I WAS LEAVING, SADAT CALLED ME BACK. HE ASKED THAT I REPEAT WHAT I HAD TOLD MUBARAK, WHICH I DID. SADAT, ECHOED BY Y MUBARAK, EMPHASIZED GOE NEEDS THESE SIX C-130 AIRCRAFT, BUT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PAY HIGH COST FOR LEASING. HE ASKED THAT THEY BE LENT TO GOE WITHOUT ANY LEASING COSTS AND THAT HIS REQUEST BE CONVEYED IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY BROWN.

5. COMMENT: SADAT'S REACTION IS PREDICTABLE. WE NOW HAVE A REQUEST FOR THE LOAN OF SIX C-130'S WITHOUT LEASING COSTS. I NOTE FROM REF B THAT WE HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO WAIVE SOME OR ALL OF THE COSTS IF WE SO CHOOSE. WHILE I SAID NOTHING ABOUT THIS TO EITHER SADAT OR MUBARAK, I RECOMMEND THAT WE WAIVE SOME OR ALL OF THE COSTS OF THESE AIRCRAFT. AS A RESULT OF HIS TRIP TO THE U.S., THE LOAN OF SIX USAF C-130'S HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND I URGE THAT SOME WAY BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE SADAT IN THIS REQUEST. WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH NEGATIVE THINGS TO SAY TO HIM IN THE ENSUING MONTHS AND A GESTURE OF THIS SORT WILL HELP TO
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DEMONSTRATE OUR DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM.

6. IF WE CONCLUDE NOT ALL LEASING COSTS CAN BE WAIVED, PERHAPS WAIVER OF PART OF THE LEASE COSTS, SUCH AS THE BASIC MONTHLY CHARGE OF \$54,000 PER AIRCRAFT, COULD BE CONSIDERED. ANOTHER OPTION, WHICH COULD ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT TO OCTOBER, IS TO APPLY TOTAL LEASE COSTS AGAINST THE INITIAL PAYMENT OF THE PRODUCTION BUY. EILTS

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